State	% Share of generation in 2004-05
Gujarat	5
Uttar Pradesh	4
Maharashtra	4
Tamil Nadu	3

(d) The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Ltd. (BHAVINI) are the two public sector companies under the administrative control of the Department of Atomic Energy which are engaged in the setting up, operation and maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants in the country.

The domestic private sector is already contributing in the nuclear power programme as suppliers of major equipment and in execution of large supply-cum-erection packages.

As regards participation in the new projects, the same is presently possible only through the Government Companies.

(e) Larsen & Toubro (L&T), National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC), Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited (BHEL) and Reliance Energy Limited (REL) have, in the past, expressed interest in participation in the nuclear power. However the Department has not received any proposal in this regard.

Selection of new companies for power generation

†3128. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI;
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Thermal Power Corporation Limited is being considered for entrusting the responsibility of increasing power generation in the field of atomic energy in the country;

(b) if so, the facts thereto;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government have also chosen other companies to be entrusted with the responsibility in the field of atomic energy; and

(d) if so, the names of such companies and the criteria fixed for selection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) and (b) The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Ltd. (BHAVINI) are the two public sector companies under the Administrative control of the Department of Atomic Energy which are engaged in the setting up, operation and maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants in the country.

Share of nuclear energy

3129. SHRI A VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open civilian nuclear energy facilities to international inspections and safeguards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, whether nuclear power field will be open to foreign suppliers of nuclear fuel to reactors and foreign investors;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if so, whether the domestic private sector participation in the nuclear energy program will be allowed;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the present share of nuclear energy in overall energy mix and the cost of production of nuclear energy, thermal energy and hydro power, State-wise till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) In the Joint Statement by India and the US issued on the occasion of visit of Prime Minister to USA, the United States appreciated India's strong commitment to nuclear